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POWER GRAB

President Barack Obama, center, shakes hands with Jeh Johnson, right, his choice for the next Homeland Security Secretary, as Vice President Joe Biden, left, applauds in the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington, Friday, Oct. 18, 2013. Johnson was general counsel at the Defense Department during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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Obama Highlights Bond With Security Nominee

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Friday nominated Jeh C. Johnson, a longtime adviser on counterterrorism policy and a former official at the Pentagon, to be the next secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. In a Rose Garden ceremo-

ny, Obama highlighted his personal bond with Johnson, calling him an "outstanding public servant who I have known and trusted for years." The president urged the Senate to confirm Johnson "as soon as possible."

In choosing Johnson, 56, to replace Janet Napolitano, Obama is turning to

an insider in his administration who does not have the border-security credentials that Napolitano brought as a former governor of Arizona.

Instead, Johnson - whose first name is pronounced "Jay" - would arrive at the department as a central player in Obama's efforts to redefine the war on ter-

rorism during the first five years of the president's tenure.

Obama cited that experience, saying that Johnson had a "deep understanding of the threats and challenges facing the United States."

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NEW JERSEY TO ALLOW SAME SEX MARRIAGE

GEOFF MULVIGHILL
Associated Press

Same-sex marriages will begin within days in New Jersey after the state's highest court ruled unanimously Friday to uphold a lower-court order that gay weddings must start Monday and to deny a delay that was sought by Gov. Chris Christie.

A judge on the lower court had ruled last month that New Jersey must recognize same-sex marriage and set Monday as the date to allow gay weddings. Christie, a Republican who is considered a possible 2016 presidential candidate, appealed the decision and asked for the start date to be put on hold while the state Supreme Court decides the case.

"The state has advanced a number of arguments, but none of them overcome this reality: Same-sex couples who cannot marry are not treated equally under the law today," the court ruled. "The harm to them is real, not abstract or speculative."

Michael Drewniak, a spokesman for Christie, said the governor will comply with the ruling, though he disagrees with it.

The ruling puts New Jersey on the cusp of becoming the 14th state — and the third most populous among them — to allow same-sex marriage. The advocacy group Freedom to Marry said that as of Monday one-third of Americans will live in a place where same-sex marriage is legal. It's being debated elsewhere, too. Oregon has begun recognizing same-sex weddings performed out of state, and it is likely that voters will get a chance next year to repeal the state's constitutional ban on gay marriage. □

Saudi Arabia rejects Security Council seat

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LONDON - Assailing what it called double standards at the United Nations, Saudi Arabia took the highly unusual step Friday of declining to accept a rotating seat on the Security Council one day after it was invited to join the body for a two-year term.

The protest, made known in a statement from the Saudi Foreign Ministry carried on the official SPA news agency, said that "the manner, the mechanisms of action and double standards existing in the Security Council prevent it from performing its duties and assuming its responsibilities toward preserving international peace and

Pakistan and Togo. The seats are usually prized because they give officials access to high-level diplomacy and offer a rare opportunity to influence events.

The dramatic gesture was a departure from Saudi Arabia's more usual preference for quiet diplomacy to advance its aims, particularly at a time of great regional uncertainty with the civil war in Syria affecting neighboring countries and the United States, Saudi Arabia's biggest international backer, pursuing what seems to be a cautious and untested opening toward Iran, the Saudis' principle regional adversary.

Thursday's vote at the

by peaceful means," The Associated Press reported. The statement on Friday struck a far less conciliatory tone, calling for changes to enhance the Security Council's contribution to peace. It did not say what those should entail.

Saudi Arabia supports the rebellion against Assad and has criticized the council in the past over what it describes as an inadequate response to turmoil in the Middle East. In an apparent display of displeasure last month, the Saudi foreign minister canceled a speech to the General Assembly.

SPA quoted the statement as saying: "First of all, the kingdom of Saudi Arabia is pleased to extend its



In this September 2013 photo, the United Nations Security Council votes on a resolution that will require Syria to give up its chemical weapon, at U.N. Headquarters. Saudi Arabia is rejecting its seat on the U.N. Security Council and says the 15-member body is incapable of resolving world conflicts. The move came just hours after the kingdom was elected as one of the Council's 10 nonpermanent members. In a statement carried on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013 by the official Saudi Press Agency, the Saudi Foreign Ministry says the Council has failed in its duties toward Syria.

security as required." The gesture reflected Saudi Arabia's simmering annoyance at the Security Council's record in Syria, where Russia and China - 2 of the 5 permanent members - have blocked Western efforts, broadly supported by Saudi Arabia, to pressure President Bashar Assad. The other permanent members are the United States, Britain and France. The announcement came a day after Chad, Chile, Lithuania, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia were elected to seats on the 15-member Security Council for a two-year term starting in January. They replace Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Morocco,

United Nations was the first time that Saudi Arabia had sought to gain one of the seats. Its decision to turn it down seemed all the more surprising because its efforts to seek representation had been taken by experts as a reflection of the kingdom's wish to be more assertive in resolving the Syrian civil war and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

When his country was among those chosen on Thursday, the Saudi ambassador to the United Nations, Abdallah Y. al-Mouallimi, said the choice was "a reflection of a long-standing policy in support of moderation and in support of resolving disputes

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle) sincere thanks and deep gratitude to all countries that have given their confidence to elect it as a nonpermanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the next two years.

"The kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a founding member of the United Nations, is proud of its full and permanent commitment to the purposes and principles of the charter of the United Nations, believing that commitment of all member states, honestly, truthfully and accurately, as agreed upon and stipulated in the charter is the real guarantee for world security and peace." □

AROUND THE WORLD

Dutch Court: Dog tax not discrimination

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The Dutch judges who ruled that taxing dog owners is discriminatory were apparently barking up the wrong tree. The Netherlands' Supreme Court on Friday overturned a lower court's decision that the southern municipality of Sittard-Geleen illegally discriminated against owners of man's best friend by levying a dog tax. Opponents of the tax argued it was unfair to levy fees on them as opposed to people who don't own dogs because the money raised goes into the general budget of municipalities. Government statistics show dog taxes raise well over 50 million euros (\$68 million) a year total for the Dutch municipalities with such levies. □

French hostage-taker gives himself up

PARIS (AP) — French police say a gunman who took four people hostage at a Paris bank has given himself up and all the hostages are safe and unharmed. The 43-year-old gunman took the hostages Friday in a plea to get government housing for himself and his disabled son. Four hostages were held at the CIC branch, but three were freed during the ordeal, which lasted one hour and 20 minutes.

At least a dozen police were deployed outside the bank, which is near Paris' busy shopping district of Place de l'Italie. Police say the gunman gave up without a fight after the final hostage was freed and handed over his gun about 7 p.m. □

Attacks up on UK's red-haired students

LONDON (AP) — British police say they were called after a string of attacks on red-haired pupils at a school in northern England. South Yorkshire Police said in a statement Friday the force had been alerted to last week's assaults at Wingfield Academy in the town of Rotherham, about 160 miles (260 kilometers) north of London. It said a small number of pupils had sustained minor injuries after being attacked by fellow students. No arrests were made, but police said they had given some of the students involved a talking to. Some commentators have attributed the phenomenon to lingering anti-Celtic prejudice. □

Putin crane is found after losing its way

MOSCOW (AP) — One of the Siberian cranes that Russian President Vladimir Putin helped teach to fly south last year lost its flock along the way, but has been found and brought to Moscow. In September 2012, Putin flew on a motorized hang glider as part of a project to teach the endangered birds who were raised in captivity to later follow the aircraft on their migration south to Central Asia. One of the cranes was recently spotted in the Tyumen region of Siberia and identified by a tag on its right leg as belonging to "Putin's flock." The crane was flown by airplane to Moscow Friday. The white bird, called Raven, will spend the winter in a wildlife reserve. □

Olive oil, fish top Europe food fraud list

BRUSSELS (AP) — An EU draft report says olive oil, fish and organic food are subjected to fraud more than any other foods. In fact, the report says beef is less risky, despite the scandal early this year over beef tainted with horsemeat. European Parliament member Esther de Lange said Friday she is surprised meat did not make a top 10 list of foods subjected to fraud, based on academic studies, police records and industry consultations. She also is surprised some supermarkets test calamari rings to make sure they're not made of pig's anuses. Behind olive oil, fish and organic food, the other top 10 foods are milk, grains, honey and maple syrup, coffee and tea, spices, wine, and certain fruit juices. □

Obama Highlights Bond With Security Nominee

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The president noted the broad range of issues that Johnson would have to deal with as the leader of a department that includes the Federal Emergency Management Agency, among them "hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires." He noted that Napolitano confronted the need to secure the border, while also responding to the huge oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

But Obama also praised Johnson for the work he did at the Pentagon in pushing for an end to the policy of "don't ask, don't tell," which prohibited gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military. The president said that "America and our military are stronger" as a result of the policy change, "in part because of Jeh's determined leadership."

Johnson will most likely face some critical questioning at his confirmation hearing from senators who oppose Obama's efforts to overhaul the nation's immigration laws. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., a critic of the Department of Homeland Security, promised to use the confirmation hearings to discuss border security. "This nomination should focus the attention of the

Congress and the country on the open refusal of DHS political appointees to impartially execute their law

Committee, called Johnson's nomination "welcome news." "The department has been

the Department of Defense, and I am eager to meet with him and discuss his vision for the Depart-

ists attacked. He said he recalled wandering the city asking himself what he could do.



President Barack Obama speaks as he stands with Jeh Johnson, his choice for the next Homeland Security Secretary, and Vice President Joe Biden, in the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington, Friday, Oct. 18, 2013.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

enforcement mission," Sessions said in a statement. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., the chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

operating without a Senate-confirmed secretary or deputy secretary, and also has numerous other high-level vacancies," Carper said.

"Mr. Johnson brings a wealth of experience from

ment of Homeland Security."

Standing next to the president in the Rose Garden, Johnson recalled being in New York on Sept. 11, 2001 - which was Johnson's birthday - when the terror-

"I have tried to devote myself to answering that question," he said. If confirmed by the Senate, he promised to devote himself "toward the task of safeguarding our nation's national and homeland security." □

Police: Baby found in NY shopping bag born alive

NEW YORK (AP) — Police say a dead baby found in a teenage girl's shopping bag at a New York City lingerie store was born alive and then asphyxiated.

Police disclosed the findings Friday.

The city medical examiner's office says an autopsy was inconclusive and more tests are needed.

Police believe 17-year-old Tiana Rodriguez gave birth to the baby at a friend's house and that the infant was later asphyxiated.

The remains were discovered Thursday when a security guard stopped Rodriguez

and her friend Francis Estevez at a Victoria's Secret store.

Both girls were arrested on petit larceny charges. Rodriguez may face more serious charges.

It's unclear whether either girl has a lawyer.

A woman who answered the phone at a possible home number for Rodriguez said she knew nothing about the matter.

A woman who claimed that she was Estevez's mother hung up after saying she hadn't spoken with her daughter since her arrest. □

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Thomas Foley, former house speaker, dies at 84

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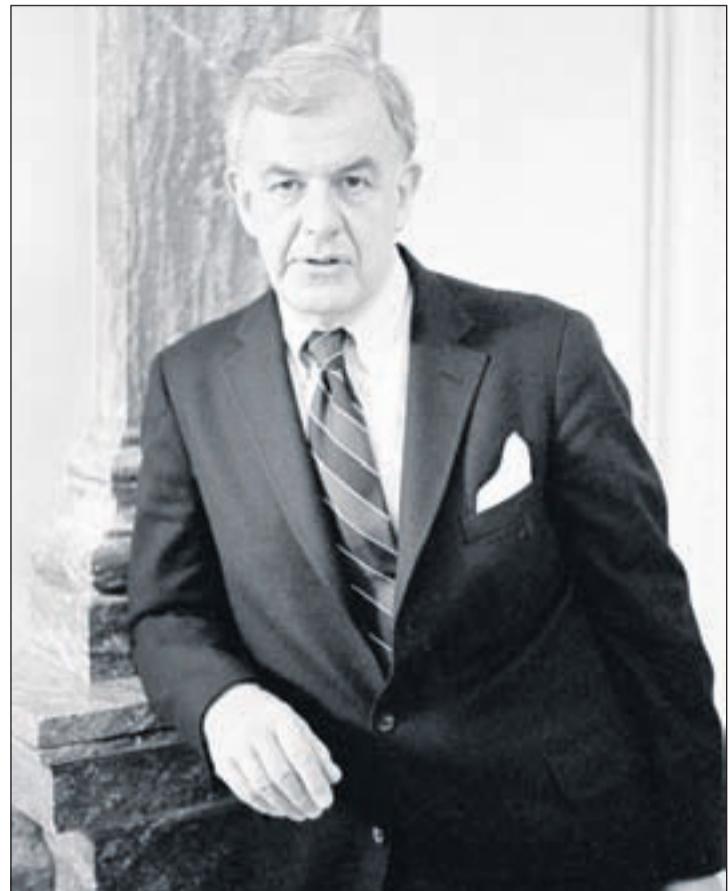
Thomas S. Foley, a courtly congressman from Washington state who as speaker of the House for five years sought to still the chamber's rising tide of partisan combat before it swept the Democratic majority, and Foley himself, out of office in 1994, died Friday at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 84. Foley's wife, Heather, said in a statement that the cause was complications of strokes. She said he had a stroke in December, was hospitalized with pneumonia in May and had been under hospice care at his home virtually since then.

In a statement, President Barack Obama called Foley "a legend of the United States Congress" whose "straightforward approach helped him find common ground with members of both parties."

When he became speaker

on June 6, 1989, Foley appealed to "our friends on the Republican side to come together and put away bitterness and division and hostility." He promised to treat "each and every member" fairly, regardless of party, and by most estimates he lived up to that promise to a degree unmatched by his successors. Foley succeeded for a time in making the House a more civil place, winning praise from many Republicans for his fairness. But by 1994 Republicans had hardened, painting the Democratic-controlled House as out of touch and corrupt. Foley's five and half years as speaker were marked by a successful effort to force Bush to accept tax increases as part of a 1990 deficit-reduction deal, and by unsuccessful opposition to the president's plans to invade Iraq in 1991. Thomas Stephen Foley was born March 6, 1929, in Spo-

kane, the only son of Ralph E. Foley, a county prosecutor and judge, and the former Helen Marie Higgins, a teacher whose family had been pioneers in Lincoln County, Wash. He attended Gonzaga Preparatory School and Gonzaga University in Spokane before transferring to the University of Washington, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1951 and a law degree in 1957. In 1968 Foley married Heather Strachan, a lawyer who became an unofficial chief of staff for her husband. Besides his wife, Foley is survived by a sister, Maureen Latimer. After leaving Congress, Foley was chairman of President Bill Clinton's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board from 1995 to 1997. He then served for three years as ambassador to Japan, a nation he had studied and frequently visited, in part to promote his district's farm products. □



Rep. Tom Foley (D-Wash.), in Washington, Feb. 8, 1983. Foley, who as speaker of the House sought to still the chamber's rising tide of partisan combat, died on Friday in Washington. He was 84.

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Train strike clogs San Francisco's highways

TERRY COLLINS

Associated Press

OAKLAND, California (AP)

Hundreds of thousands of commuters in the San Francisco Bay area clogged highways, swarmed buses and shivered on ferry decks Friday as workers for the region's largest transit system walked off the job for the second time in four months.

The strike could drag through the weekend and into next work week. Bay

Area Rapid Transit spokesman Rick Rice said that no new talks have been scheduled, and representatives from the unions were meeting and didn't immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

Discussions fell apart late Thursday after a marathon 30-hour negotiation with a federal mediator that put representatives from both sides at dueling press conferences, rumpled, unshaven and angry.

Six months of on-again, off-again negotiations have brought agreement on key issues such as raises, health care and pensions. But there remained a snarl

Friday: a package of work rules involving when schedules are posted, whether workers can file for overtime when they've been out sick, and how paychecks are delivered.

The BART system carries about 400,000 workers a day through tunnels under the bay and into the region's urban core of San Francisco from four surrounding counties, relieving what would otherwise be congested bridges.

In an effort to alleviate delays, many of the Bay Area's other 27 transit systems added bus, ferry and rail service Friday. Carpool and rideshare programs were also busy, and more cyclists took the streets.

But traffic was sluggish all morning, and lines at bridge toll plazas were backed up for miles (kilometers).

Passengers touching down at San Francisco International Airport were warned that trains weren't running, and it could take twice as long to get into the city. Many simply avoided the hassle, telecommuting instead. □

Trial wraps on BP spill estimates

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two weeks of courtroom debate have come to an end over how much oil spewed into the Gulf of Mexico after BP PLC's 2010 rig disaster.

Friday's testimony wrapped up the second phase of a trial over the Deepwater Horizon explosion that killed 11 workers.

Government experts estimate 176 million gallons spilled into the Gulf. BP attorneys have urged U.S. District Judge Barbier set

the figure at nearly 103 million gallons.

The amount would be used to calculate any Clean Water Act penalties that BP would have to pay.

Using government figures, a maximum penalty if the company is found grossly negligent could total \$18 billion. The company's figures would cut that maximum to around \$10.5 billion.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier did not say when he will rule. □



Striking BART workers picket on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, in Oakland, Calif. Commuters in the San Francisco Bay Area got up before dawn on Friday and endured heavy traffic on roadways, as workers for the region's largest transit system walked off the job for the second time in four months.

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Harper Lee sues hometown museum in Alabama

PHILLIP RAWLS

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Alabama

(AP) — "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper Lee is suing a museum in her hometown of Monroeville to stop it from selling souvenirs with her name and the title of her Pulitzer Prize-winning book.

The lawsuit, filed last week in federal court in Mobile, said the Monroe County Heritage Museum has traded on Lee's fame without her approval and without compensating her. It seeks an unspecified amount in damages.

"Every single statement in the lawsuit is either false, meritless, or both," museum attorney Matt Goforth said in an email Friday.

The suit comes after Lee sought a federal trademark for the title of her book when it's used on clothing. The museum opposed her application, saying its souvenir sales are vital to its continued operation. A ruling is over a year away.

Lee's book is set in fictional Maycomb County, but her



Author Harper Lee smiles during a ceremony honoring new members of the Alabama Academy of Honor at the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala. The "To Kill a Mockingbird" author is at odds with a museum in her Alabama hometown that celebrates her literary achievement over use of the words in the title of her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

(AP Photo/Rob Carr)

suit says the setting was inspired by the real Monroe County where she lives in south Alabama. The museum in Monroeville has displays honoring her and presents the play "To Kill a Mockingbird" each summer in the old county courthouse courtroom, which served as a model for the movie's courtroom. The museum pays royalties for using the play, and that is not an issue in the suit.

The suit contends the museum has profited from the unauthorized use of Lee's name and book title through the sale of clothing and a variety of souvenirs. Its website also uses the title (<http://www.tokillamockingbird.com>) without any compensation, the suit says.

"Ms. Lee has suffered a stroke and is in ill health. The defendant apparently believes that she lacks the desire to police her trademarks, and therefore seeks to take advantage of Ms. Lee's condition and property. The defendant is mistaken," the suit says.

The suit says that in August, the museum refused an offer from Lee to sell it merchandise she had authorized.

Clay Rankin, the attorney representing the 87-year-old author, did not respond to requests for comment Friday.

The museum's attorney said the tourist attraction is within its rights to educate the public and preserve the area's history.

"It's sad that Harper Lee's handlers have seen fit to attack the nonprofit museum in her hometown that has been honoring her and the town's rich history associated with that legacy for over 20 years," Goforth said. □

Mom: Newtown victim shouted for classmates to run

MICHAEL MELIA

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Connecticut

(AP) — A 6-year-old boy killed in the massacre in a Connecticut elementary school shouted for his classmates to run while the gunman paused to reload and was shot moments later, the boy's mother said Friday. The boy, Jesse Lewis, had just seen his teacher shot and urged the others to flee while the gunman, Adam Lanza, put a new clip into his semi-automatic rifle.

"He yelled, 'Run!' Adam reloaded and shot him in the

head," said Scarlett Lewis, who learned details of the events inside the classroom from investigators who gathered accounts from children who survived.

"When I heard he used his last few seconds on earth to try to save his friends, I was not surprised," she said. "I am so incredibly proud of him." The boy's actions were first reported by The Hartford Courant newspaper. Lanza shot his way into Sandy Hook Elementary school on Dec. 14 and killed 20 children and six women in one of the worst school shootings

in U.S. history. He also killed his mother earlier in the day and committed suicide as police arrived at the school building. A report on the Newtown shooting by investigators is due to be released soon. Investigators have not disclosed a possible motive for the massacre. In Jesse's classroom, which was led by teacher Victoria Soto, 11 students survived, including some who ran past Lanza when he stopped to reload. In the classroom led by Lauren Rousseau, only one child survived. Both teachers were killed.

Scarlett Lewis said several people emerged as heroes that day, but her understanding is that some of the survivors ran because of what her son did to help them. Lewis has dedicated herself recently to the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation, which promotes ways for communities to "choose love over anger, gratitude over entitlement, and forgiveness and compassion over bitterness." The foundation was inspired by a message that Jesse had left on their kitchen chalkboard with the words "nurturing," "healing" and love." □

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US Financial Front:

Season of uncertainty for American retail stores



FedEx courier Andrew Standeven makes deliveries to businesses at the CambridgeSide Galleria mall in Cambridge, Mass. US retailers hope that short-term uncertainty over the US budget won't stop Americans from spending during the busiest shopping period of the year, but they're fearful that it will.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Will Washington be the Grinch who stole Christmas? After weeks of bickering between Congress and the White House, President Barack Obama on Wednesday signed into law a plan that ended a partial 16-day government shutdown and suspended the United States' debt limit until early next year. But the measure, which comes just weeks ahead of the holiday shopping season, only temporarily averts a potential default on U.S. debt that could send the nation into a recession. Retailers hope that short-term uncertainty won't stop Americans from spending during the busiest shop-

ping period of the year, but they're fearful that it will. "I am not nervous, but I am mindful," said Jay Stein, chairman of Stein Mart, a 300-store chain that sells home goods and clothing. "The biggest enemy of consumer confidence is uncertainty." Retailers and industry watchers say Washington gridlock already has caused shoppers to hold back on purchases. The number of people going into stores nationwide dropped 7.5 percent for the week that ended Oct. 5 and 7.1 percent during the following week compared with a year ago, according to ShopperTrak, which measures foot traffic at 40,000 retail outlets across the country. Men's clothier Jos. A. Bank Clothiers

and furniture chain Ethan Allen said their customers cut back in recent weeks.

And auto sales, which had been strong, trailed off last week, with experts blaming Washington lawmakers. Retailers say the agreement that lawmakers approved, which funds the government until Jan. 15 and gives the Treasury the ability to borrow above its limit until Feb. 7, may not be enough to alleviate shoppers' concerns. Robert N. Wildrick, chairman of Jos. A. Bank, which has 623 U.S. stores, said retailers can't afford more uncertainty during the holiday shopping season. "The more this nonsense goes on the more scared (consumers) become," he said. Even before the stalemate in Washington, retailers had reasons to be cautiously optimistic

about the holiday season, which accounts for up to 40 percent of retailers' annual revenue. While the job and housing markets are improving, that hasn't yet translated into sustained spending increases among shoppers. But retailers spend money on ads, order additional inventory and add sales staff during the holidays hoping shoppers will spend freely. If they don't, stores have to discount, which eats away profits. The National Retail Federation, the largest U.S. retail group, had forecast in early October that sales would climb 3.9 percent in November and December to \$602.12 billion, higher than last year's 3.5 percent gain. □

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Norway investigates assailant in Kenya siege

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LARVIK, Norway - The trail in the investigation into the deadly attack on a Kenyan shopping mall leads all the way to Scandinavia, where the Norwegian police have identified a man who may have been among the assailants. Investigators are questioning relatives and friends of Hassan Abdi Dhuhulow, 23, a Norwegian citizen born in Somalia, to try to determine whether he was one of the four militants captured on surveillance footage inside the shopping mall, calmly killing shoppers on a Saturday afternoon last month.

His sister, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said in an interview here in Larvik, where Dhuhulow grew up, that officers from the Norwegian security police had asked her whether her brother had placed calls from Nairobi, including from the Westgate shopping mall, during the siege. She said that he had not and that the family was unaware of any role he might have played in the attack. "My mother and father and

me, we don't even know if he is dead or alive," she said. "We are waiting for the whole issue to become clearer." A spokesman for the Norwegian Police Security Service, Martin Bernsen, said investigators were also unsure whether Dhuhulow

unable thus far to identify any of the militants among the bodies pulled from the rubble. Johansen Oduor, chief government pathologist, said that remains believed to belong to three of the attackers had been pulled from the rubble on



In this frame grab from surveillance video provided by Kenya Police via KTN, two gunmen wander through the Westgate Mall, Sept. 21, 2013, in Nairobi, Kenya. The trail in the investigation into the deadly attack on a Kenyan shopping mall leads all the way to Scandinavia, where the Norwegian police have identified a man who may have been among the assailants.

(AP Photo/Kenya Police via KTN)

was still alive. Several explosions and a fire at the mall have made it hard to distinguish between the remains of the victims and attackers. Authorities have been

Thursday and taken to the Nairobi City Mortuary, but that identification would likely require advanced forensics including DNA testing. "The bodies are

charred. There's no face. There's no clothes," Oduor said. "There are body parts and with body parts it's difficult to tell" even how many of the attackers there were. The remains were recovered next to AK-47 rifles, the same kind of firearms the attackers were carrying in footage from security cameras in the mall. Kenyan security forces do not use that make of rifle.

"If you are found next to an AK, most likely you are one of the attackers," Oduor said. A man with the same name as Dhuhulow was arrested in Somalia in connection with the murder of a radio journalist but was freed by a military tribunal for lack of evidence in March. In 2009, Dhuhulow began going on what his sister called "long vacations" to Somalia. Contact with the family was sporadic, and she could not remember whether she had last spoken to him last year or the year before.

"My brother leads a different life than me," she said. A family member told the BBC that he had called this summer and said he was in trouble. The Norwegian Police Security Service said in a statement last week that it had received information that a Norwegian citizen of Somali origin may have been involved in "the planning and execution of the attack" in late September, when militants stormed the mall and killed more than 60 men, women and children. The Norwegians sent investigators to Nairobi to work with Kenyan security services on the investigation. The Somali militant group the al-Shabab claimed responsibility. The Kenyan authorities initially said 10 to 15 assailants had been involved in the assault. Officials with knowledge of the investigation now say that the number was no more than six and may be as few as the four captured on the surveillance tapes.

Kenyan officials released four names, but none of them was Dhuhulow's, and officials with knowledge of the investigation said later that they were believed to be noms de guerre and not birth names. □

Lebanese Shiite pilgrims kidnapped in Syria freed

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Nine Shiite pilgrims from Lebanon kidnapped in Syria were freed late Friday night as part of a negotiated hostage deal that could see two Turkish pilots held by Lebanese militants released, officials said. The complicated three-way deal also potentially includes the release of female prisoners now held by the embattled government of Syrian President Bashar Assad. While details about the deal remained murky, it appeared to represent one of the more ambitious negotiated settlements to come out of Syria's civil war, now entering its third year and being fought by forces tearing apart the region and largely opposed to any bartered peace.

The pilgrims were part of a group of 11 hostages taken by a rebel faction in northern Syria in May 2012. Two were later released, but the nine had been held since, causing friction in the region and sparking the August kidnapping in Beirut that saw two Turkish Airlines pilots abducted. Lebanese Interior Minister Marwan Charbel told The Associated Press that the nine Lebanese hostages "are now in Turkish territories." Charbel said he expects two Turkish pilots to be released in Lebanon soon and the Syrian government will release a number of female detainees. "We insist that those who kidnapped the Turks release them," Charbel said, referring to the pilots. The two pilots appeared in a video on Wednesday, the first since they were kidnapped. "This is all part of one deal," Charbel said by telephone. Asked when he expects the freed Lebanese to come home, he said "in the coming 24 to 48 hours." In Turkey, the state-run Anadolu Agency quoted Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu as saying "there are positive developments" concerning the hostages and that the issue had "mostly been resolved." □



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Iran FM: Israel seeks to undermine nuclear talks

NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's foreign minister on Friday accused Israel of trying to undermine what he described as progress in Tehran's nuclear talks with world powers.

The negotiations — which ended in Geneva on an upbeat note this week with Western and Iranian negotiators announcing a follow-up round early next month — are meant to reduce fears that Tehran is seeking a nuclear weapon. Iran denies it's pursuing an atomic bomb, insisting its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only, and has resisted incentives and tough penalties aimed at curbing its activities.

The talks that ended Wednesday in Geneva

managed to overcome months of deadlock and get negotiations going again between Iran and the five permanent U.N. Security Council members and Germany.

Since moderate Iranian President Hassan Rouhani took office in August, senior officials from Rouhani on down have pledged to meet international concerns in exchange for an easing of crippling economic sanctions.

On Friday, Iran's top representative in the talks, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, posted on his Facebook page that "there is a high possibility the talks would be disturbed through various efforts" on the part of Israel. Zarif said these efforts reflect Israel's "frustration

and warmongering." Zarif did not elaborate but he was likely referring to Israeli appeals to the in-

calls for Israel's destruction and ties to the Palestinian militant Hamas group and the Lebanese Hezbollah,

dropping tough sanctions against it without making any significant concessions on its nuclear ambitions.

"Iran is willing to give a little and get a lot, if not everything," Netanyahu said. "It would be a historic mistake to lift the pressure now, just before the sanctions reach their goal."

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius warned against unguarded optimism over the talks, saying "it's too early to draw conclusions" and that any gestures toward Iran should be "prudent," given past difficulties in getting Tehran to provide more information about its nuclear activities. The comments by Fabius to French legislators on Thursday contrast with more optimistic comments from some other participants at the talks in Geneva. Fabius also said that France "does not confuse appearances with reality." □

Libya:

Benghazi military leader killed

ESAM MOHAMED

Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Gunmen killed the head of the regional military police in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi as he was headed to a mosque to attend Friday prayers, a security official said.

Libya has been in turmoil since the end of an eight-month civil war that ousted and killed longtime Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. Most recently, Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan was briefly kidnapped by gunmen in Tripoli.

Benghazi, Libya's second-largest that was the center of the 2011 revolt against Gadhafi, has seen frequent violence in the past year.

including killings of security officials and a string of attacks on foreign missions that have driven most of diplomats out of the city.

In Friday's incident, masked gunmen fired from a car at Col.

Ahmed Mostafa el-Barghathy at his house in the eastern city, fatally wounding him in the chest and head, the official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to give information to the media.

El-Barghathy served in Libyan army during the Gadhafi's reign. He was one of the first army officers who took up arms against the dictator in the 2011 uprising. □



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif briefs the media during a press conference at the CICG, in Geneva, Switzerland. (AP Photo/Keystone, Martial Trezzini)

international community to maintain firm pressure on Tehran.

Israel, which considers a nuclear-armed Iran a threat to its existence because of Tehran's controversial nuclear program, repeated

has not ruled out a military option against Iran's nuclear facilities.

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Euro rally could slow recovery

PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The euro pushed above \$1.37 on Friday for the first time since February in a move that analysts say could crimp the single currency zone's recovery from recession. Europe's currency has garnered support this year thanks to an easing in the continent's debt crisis and a return to economic growth.

However, in recent days, its appreciation against the dollar has accelerated as the U.S. government struggled to raise the country's debt ceiling. Even though a deal was agreed at the last minute, the U.S.'s economic reputation and the status of the dollar as the world's reserve currency have taken a hit. As a result, the dollar suffered a broad-based drop.

By early afternoon Friday trading in London, the euro was trading 0.1 percent higher at \$1.3684, having earlier risen to \$1.3704, its highest level since Feb. 1. Analysts say the strength of the euro — which as recently as mid-July was trading below \$1.30 — could make the eurozone's exports more expensive in international markets, threatening the overall recovery. "Regardless of its causes and justifications, the euro's strength threatens to have a negative impact on the growth of eurozone exports," said Jonathan Loynes, chief European economist at Capital Economics.

The 17-country eurozone emerged from its longest-ever recession in the second quarter. □

EU, Canada reach landmark free trade deal

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Canada and the European Union have struck a tentative free trade deal meant to boost growth and jobs and which European officials hope will provide a blueprint for a much larger — but more challenging — trade pact with the U.S. The deal agreed on Friday in Brussels will cut tariffs and red tape and was attained after settling bitter disputes over cheese exports and visa requirements. Companies on each side will have improved access to the two lucrative markets — the 28-member EU's 500 million people and Canada's 35 million.

"This is a big deal. It is the biggest deal our country has ever made," Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in Brussels. The value of bilateral trade in goods and services between the EU and Canada was 85 billion euros in 2012 (\$116 billion at today's value), according to the European Commission, the EU's executive arm. It estimates the agreement will boost trade by almost a quarter. The deal still requires approval by the European Parliament, EU member states and from Canada on federal and provincial levels. These are expected to be cleared in 2015.

A total of 99 percent of tariffs will be removed immediately once the agreement takes effect, with only a few agricultural products being excluded and managed by quota rules.

In numerical terms, the deal appears to be a bigger win for Canada. The EU, a \$17-trillion economy, is Canada's second-largest trading partner behind the U.S. By contrast, Canada is only the EU's 12th-largest

trading market. The deal would also help reduce the dependence of Canada's \$1.8-trillion economy on imports from the U.S. However, while Canada's export potential grows, its products will also face stiffer competition at home. Indeed, Canada seemed to have made major concessions for the deal in .

proved to be one of the last stumbling blocks in the negotiations, EU officials said.

In the final compromise, Canada accepted an increased quota that will allow EU cheese exports to surge by 130 percent. Another hurdle was the Czech government's insistence that Canada should

considered highly ambitious as significant hurdles remain.

"We expect this agreement to set some standards, also for other negotiations, including with our American friends," Barroso said, hinting that some of the compromises struck with Canada could serve as blueprints for the nego-



Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, watches President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso speaks as they announce a free-trade agreement between Canada and Europe during a press conference in Brussels on Friday Oct. 18, 2013.

(AP Photo/Adrian Wyld)

Sectors like Canada's dairy products, particularly cheese producers, are likely to see their market share fall. They will receive help from the Canadian government as imports from Europe ramp up, Harper said. He insisted, nevertheless, that the deal is "in the interest of the vast majority of Canadians."

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso hailed the agreement as a "win-win for both sides" after four years of negotiations. The EU's cheese exports

waive its visa requirement for Czech citizens. Harper said that Canada will scrap the rule in the coming weeks.

The EU hopes the agreement with Canada will provide a boost to free trade talks with the U.S., which would be the world's largest such pact. The EU and U.S. combined represent just under half of the global economy.

Officials on both sides of the Atlantic hope to agree on the broad outline of that deal by the end of next year, but that schedule is

tations with the U.S. A study commissioned by the EU estimates that a U.S. deal could add about 120 billion euros (\$164 billion) to the EU's gross domestic product and 95 billion euros (\$130 billion) to U.S. GDP. The EU says the main beneficiaries of the agreement with Canada in Europe will be carmakers, car part manufacturers and chemical firms.

Among agricultural products, the deal is expected to boost EU exports of wine, spirits, pasta and dairy products like cheese. □

Greece trying to identify girl found in Gypsy camp

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

The Greek police raided the camp in search of drugs and weapons, part of a crackdown on illegal activity in the Gypsy community. But during the operation, an accompanying prosecutor noticed something else that stood out: a blond, blue-eyed little girl. Around 4 years old and going by the name Maria, the girl looked nothing like the couple she lived with, officials said Friday. DNA tests proved she wasn't their child, and further investigation raised even more suspicions: authorities allege the mother claimed to have given birth to six children in a total of less than 10 months, while 10 of the 14 children the couple registered as their own are unaccounted for.

As Greek officials now try to figure out the girl's true identity and whether the couple was linked to child trafficking rings, experts are using the case to point out the severe weaknesses in the country's birth registration system.

The child was found Wednesday near Farsala in central Greece. Police say they also found drugs and unregistered firearms in other parts of the Gypsy — or Roma — settlement, which is about 280 kilometers (170 miles) north of Athens.

The director of Greece's "A child's smile" charity, which is taking care of the girl, praised an observant prosecutor who went on the camp raid along with dozens of police. "She saw a little blond head poking out from under the bedclothes," Costas Giannopoulos told private Skai TV. "It struck her as odd, and that's how it all started."

The couple, a 39-year-old man and a 40-year-old woman, were arrested and charged with abducting a minor. The Greek police have asked Interpol for assistance in helping find the child's real family, while Giannopoulos' charity said it has sought the same assistance from international groups for lost or abused



Greek authorities on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013 have requested international assistance to identify the four-year-old girl seen in this photo, found living in a Gypsy camp with a couple arrested and charged with abducting her from her birth parents. A police statement says the child was located this week near the town of Farsala, central Greece, during a nationwide crackdown on illegal activities in Gypsy camps.

(AP Photo/Greek Police)

children.

"Her features suggest that she might be from an eastern or northern (European) country," regional police chief Panayiotis Tziovaras said of the girl.

The suspects are alleged

to have offered conflicting initial accounts about how they came to have the child — that the girl was found in a blanket, that she was handed to them by strangers or that she had a foreign father.

But their lawyer, Marietta Palavra, said they took her out of charity, through an intermediary, while she was just days old from a foreign stranger who said she could not support her daughter. □



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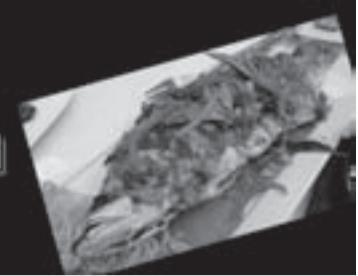
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Cuban entrepreneurs gird for ban on import sales

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — You can find just about anything at El Curita marketplace in gritty central Havana. Hundreds of entrepreneurs hawk all manner of goods at the bustling bazaar, from watches, shampoos and facial creams to neon-colored tube tops and the striped FC Barcelona soccer jerseys that are increasingly a fashion must. Three years ago, there was nothing quite like it on this Communist-run island known as much for perpetual scarcity as it is for pristine beaches and world class cigars. And three months from now, it could all be over as authorities begin enforcing a new law banning the private sale of imported goods.

Cuba is in the middle of what it calls a significant opening to limited private enterprise — even as it swears it won't abandon socialism. But for entrepreneurs who have carved



Turkish tourists arrive for dinner at the privately owned restaurant, "La Moneda Cubana" in Havana, Cuba. In the 1990s, Cubans were allowed to open private restaurants to ease the pain of a severe economic crisis; when the worst had passed, authorities regulated the eateries practically out of existence until they were revived under the recent reforms.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

out modestly successful livelihoods after investing their life savings to launch import-dependent businesses, the new measure feels like a big step back.

Announced in late September, the law is likely to snuff out some businesses entirely while driving others back underground in a nation where the black mar-

ket has long flourished. In some markets, crude signs have already started going up advertising "liquidation" sales. "I never thought that this would happen. I'm

desperate," said Barbara Perez, who sells blouses for \$13 and jeans for around \$15 from her clothing stall. "I can't sleep because I'm constantly asking myself, 'What is going to happen? What am I going to do?'" Last week, she said, authorities summoned her to hear an explanation of the new rule. "They treated me well. They read me the new law and they made me sign a paper," Perez said between sobs. She has until Nov. 30 to sell her remaining inventory, and "after that they can confiscate it." Some 436,000 Cubans are running or working for private small businesses under President Raul Castro's package of social and economic reforms begun in 2010. Among other things, the government has legalized used car and real estate sales and ended the much-detested exit visa required for decades of all islanders seeking to travel overseas. □

ICC: Kenya president can skip parts of trial

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — Kenya's president can stay at home to carry out his duties as head of state for large parts of his crimes against humanity trial, judges at the International Criminal Court ruled Friday.

The decision came less than a week after the African Union said it will not allow a sitting head of state to be prosecuted by an international tribunal.

Kenyan opposition to the trial of President Uhuru Kenyatta has gained traction in the weeks since the deadly terror attack on an

upscale Nairobi shopping mall, which underscored the importance of the country in the war on terror in eastern Africa.

Kenyatta is due to go on trial in The Hague from Nov. 12 on charges of orchestrating deadly violence in the aftermath of his country's 2007 elections. He insists he is innocent.

A majority of the judges hearing the case said in a written ruling that Kenyatta has to be present for opening and closing statements, hearings where victims "present their views and concerns in person," the verdict, and "any other attendance ordered by the

chamber."

If convicted, he also would have to attend sentencing hearings and hearings at which victims explain the impact on their lives of the crimes and judges discuss reparations.

Kenyatta has pledged to cooperate with the court and has always attended hearings when called upon by judges, but privately members of his government have said they don't believe he will report to The Hague.

While a decision excusing Kenyatta from attending much of his trial is a victory for the president, he still wants to avoid standing

trial at all.

His lawyers last week called for a permanent halt to the case, arguing that "the prosecution is presiding over an utterly corrupt and dishonest case" based on false witness testimony.

There was no immediate reaction from prosecutors to Friday's ruling, but they can appeal.

Kenya's deputy president, William Ruto, and a broadcaster Joshua Arap Sang, also are on trial in a separate case dealing with the postelection violence that left more than 1,000 people dead in late 2007 and early 2008. Judges made a similar ruling allowing Ruto

to miss most of his trial, but prosecutors appealed the decision and he has to attend his trial pending a decision by the court's appeals chamber.

Ruto has complied and flown to The Hague whenever his trial is in session, but speaking to reporters this week he sounded like his patience was running out.

Ruto said Kenya has asked the U.N. Security Council to defer the International Criminal Court cases against him and Kenyatta for a year, but Ruto said he would rather his trial go ahead if he doesn't have to attend hearings in The Hague. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Island is preparing: Dutch King coming to Aruba soon!

ORANJESTAD - Last April Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands handed the throne, after 33 years, to her son Prince Willem-Alexander, who has now become the country's first king since 1890. King Willem-Alexander has become not only the monarch of the Netherlands but also the Dutch Caribbean territories of Curacao, Aruba and Saint Maarten.

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According to Tai Foo Lee, Subway's Operations and Marketing Manager and

also organizer of the Subway Fight4Fit challenge, the Pumpfit training was extremely well received. "I have gotten a lot of feedback from the contestants who said that this training had the most impact on them, it was very intensive but it was not difficult to do. Anyone can participate, you don't need any special training before, and the trainers were very clear in communicating with the group. I want to sign up for it myself!" comments Tai Foo. Joanne Dirkz, who also is one of the organizers of Subway Fight4Fit challenge, has been training with Pumpfit for a few months already and is very positive about her results.



Joanne: "What I really like about this training is that is you train in a group, en-



abling you to motivate each other. Also I go to the trainings early in the morning; 5:00 am which makes me feel more active during the rest of the day. Three times of week I do Pumpfit and every day is a different kind of training. For example on Monday we ease into the week, the training gets harder on Wednesday and Friday the trainers let you already burn the calories you will gain over the weekend" says Joanne. The trainers of Pumpfit, Rene Wild and Rodney Pieterella, wanted to bring one of the world's fastest ways to get in shape to the Aruban community. This training program is a weight-based group-fitness

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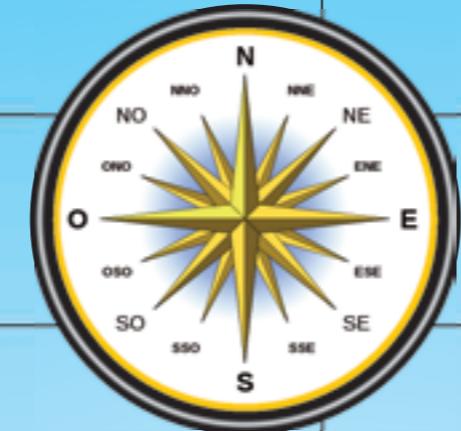
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SPORTS**Aruba TODAY****Manning leads unbeaten Broncos into Indy**

The Associated Press

Peyton Manning is going home, and Indianapolis Colts fans are expected to embrace him. Until kickoff, that is. Manning will lead the undefeated Denver Broncos on his first visit to Indianapolis since his tearful farewell in March 2012. Sunday's game has been hyped 24/7, helped along by Denver coach John Fox criticizing Colts owner Jim Irsay for sounding ungrateful this week for all Manning did for his team and city in 13 seasons, including winning a Super Bowl in 2007 — comments that were virtually identical to what he had been saying for months.

There has been curiosity over how long and exactly what the Colts will do to honor Manning during pregame festivities in the Lucas Oil Stadium many credit him for getting the funding to build.

No quarterback since 1950 has produced more double-digit winning streaks than Manning, who did it officially four times with the Colts and has Denver on a 17-game winning streak which is tied for the fourth longest in NFL history.

Manning's Broncos are on pace to shatter the NFL's single-season scoring record and, fair or not, many will watch on Sunday to see whether Colts quarterback Andrew Luck can live up to the standards Manning established.

Everybody knows about Manning's late-game heroics. But Luck has been every bit as good since coming into the league last season. His seven fourth-quarter comebacks in 2012 set a rookie record and were tied for the most by any quarterback since 1970.

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Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning warms up on the sideline before an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Arlington, Texas.

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Soccer player Abby Wambach (L) and Sarah Huffman attend the 2013 ESPY Awards at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live on July 17, 2013 in Los Angeles, California.

Associated Press

JIM VERTUNO**AP Sports Writer**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For Abby Wambach, marrying partner and professional

Football star Abby Wambach: Marriage is not about politics

teammate Sarah Huffman was purely a statement of love, not politics.

Yet the star of the U.S. women's national football team understands that as soon as news broke of their Oct. 5 ceremony in Hawaii, she became perhaps the highest-profile athlete in the national debate over same-sex marriage and a role model for advocates. "I know that I'll end up being a role model for many, many people out there for all kinds of reasons," Wambach said this week in her first public comments since getting married. "My first hope is for being a genuine, honest and good person, then a great soccer

player and then down the line, the choice I've made to marry not only my best friend and teammate, but the love of my life."

Wambach and the national team play Australia on Sunday in San Antonio. In an interview this week, the 2012 FIFA Women's World Player of the Year and international career goals leader smiled as she showed off her platinum wedding ring with inlaid diamonds and talked about the public reaction to her wedding. News of the wedding prompted an outpouring of congratulations on the Internet, including a tweet from women's tennis star Martina Navratilova.

Wambach and Huffman didn't push for a story on their marriage but they also didn't try to stop it.

The couple didn't ban cameras or phones at the ceremony, and once the news spread her agent encouraged her to use Twitter to thank people for their support.

"I've heard from a lot of people ... the response has been awesome," Wambach said. "I expected some backlash on some level from some people who don't agree, but I haven't really had any of that ... I'm pleasantly surprised by that."

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Wambach

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Wambach and Huffman are teammates on the Western New York Flash in the National Women's Soccer League. They had their ceremony on the island of Kauai, exchanging vows on a beach before family and friends, including several teammates.

The couple picked Hawaii because a previous trip there had been canceled. Wambach said she didn't know Hawaii lawmakers are scheduled to meet later this month in a special session to consider legalizing gay marriage. If approved, Hawaii would join 13 U.S. states and the District of Columbia in allowing gay marriage.

The couple did obtain a legal civil union in Hawaii, which gay marriage advocates say stops short of the full benefits of marriage. Wambach said the couple may someday seek an official marriage document in a state where it is legal.

"I wasn't going to wait for a state to legalize it for my own life," Wambach said. Wambach seemed amused by the attention the wedding received. She has been comfortably "out" for years and her relationship with Huffman was widely known among friends. In July, Huffman joined Athlete Ally, a group formed to support gay athletes.

"I can't speak for other people, but for me, I feel like gone are the days that you need to come out of a closet. I never felt like I was in a closet. I never did. I always felt comfortable with who I am and the decisions I made," Wambach said.

"I've never been asked a question in my soccer world about my relationship, rightfully so because it shouldn't matter because it doesn't have anything to do with soccer," Wambach said. "But I realize I'm a public figure and people are curious about my private life. I'm honestly not the kind of person who



Abby Wambach, left, of the US, jumps for the ball with Sweden's Emma Berglund during their Algarve Cup women's soccer match Monday, March 11 2013, in Lagos, southern Portugal.

Associated Press

wants to step up to a podium, test the microphone and be like, 'Hey, I'm homosexual and this is who I am, hear me roar.' That's not who I am." With the 2015 World Cup on the horizon, Wambach believes how she plays and represents the country are

what matters.

"Am I wearing the red, white and blue and the crest in an honorable fashion?" Wambach said.

Wambach acknowledges she is "the face of this team" but noted her team is made up of individuals with many different back-

grounds, religious beliefs and value systems.

"That essentially is what this country is about," she said. "Having different people come together and be on a team and win a world championship is literally, I think, the definition of being American." □



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teams.

"I don't play there anymore, but I've continued to communicate and I've enjoyed those times when I see someone from Indiana in a hotel or an '18' Colts jersey out here at practice," Manning said. "There's always a connection there. I think to have to deliver a message means I've been gone and I don't think I really have."

The league's only other undefeated team, the Kansas City Chiefs, welcome the slumping Houston Texans, who have lost four straight.

The Chiefs are a takeaway machine with 18, while

Houston is very charitable with 15 turnovers. But the Chiefs don't want to hear anything about being 6-0.

"If you allow that to happen, there's where you get into problems," said coach Andy Reid, the man most responsible for the winning after joining the Chiefs this season following 14 generally successful seasons in Philadelphia. "Personally, I don't worry about all that, and I haven't seen any of our guys worry about all that."

There's plenty to worry about in Houston, where Case Keenum gets his first NFL start at quarterback for the injured Matt Schaub.

"I've been around a few teams that have gotten in a funk, turned the ball

over and made mistakes. This has been very, very difficult," coach Gary Kubiak said. "You don't stay the same."

If it continues, you've got to continue to search for something each week. That's what we're trying to do this week by changing things up and trying to get it to go away."

On Sunday, Dallas is at Philadelphia; Cleveland at Green Bay; Baltimore at Pittsburgh; Cincinnati at Detroit; San Francisco at Tennessee; Chicago at Washington; New England at the New York Jets; Buffalo at Miami; San Diego at Jacksonville; Tampa Bay at Atlanta; and St. Louis at Carolina.

Minnesota is at the New York Giants on Monday. □

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith (11) is sacked by Oakland Raiders middle linebacker Nick Roach (53) during the first half of an NFL football game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013.

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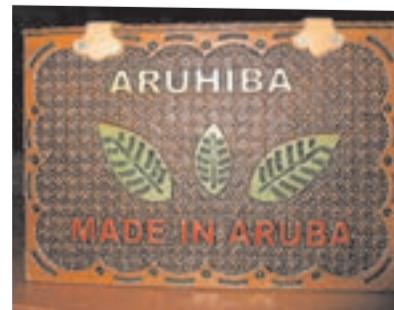
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NFL Roundup

Wilson, Lynch lead Seattle past Cardinals, 33-22



Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) breaks the tackle of Arizona Cardinals free safety Rashad Johnson (26) and defensive end Frostee Rucker during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, in Glendale, Ariz.

Associated Press

BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Arizona (AP) —

Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson threw for three touchdowns, taking a measure of revenge for losing at Arizona in his debut last season and leading the Seahawks to a 33-22 win over the Cardinals on Thursday. Marshawn Lynch rushed for 91 yards for Seattle, which improved to 6-1 this season and dropping Arizona to 3-4.

The Seahawks intercepted two of Carson Palmer's passes, converting both into touchdowns, and sacked him seven times, twice by Chris Clemons, who had in doubt for the game with an elbow injury. Arizona got a touchdown and one of its three field goals after Wilson twice fumbled while being sacked deep in Seattle territory.

Palmer has thrown 11 interceptions over the past five games and 13 this sea-

son. Only New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (15) has thrown more.

The Cardinals suffered their seventh straight loss against an NFC West foe. Wilson completed 18 of 29 passes for 235 yards, with no interceptions.

Palmer, 30 of 45 for 258 yards and a touchdown, was under duress most of the night, especially from the left side where young tackle Bradley Sowell struggled mightily.

Arizona took the opening kickoff and made it to its 40 before Tony McDaniel burst through virtually untouched to sack Palmer for a 14-yard loss.

Seattle took the ensuing punt and needed just five plays to go 83 yards. Wilson, throwing off his back foot while retreating to his right, connected with Sidney Rice for 31 yards for the score.

The next time Arizona had the ball, Brandon Browner stripped the ball from the

intended receiver and Seattle's Earl Thomas gathered it in as he tumbled out of bounds. Initially it was ruled an incomplete pass, but the Seahawks challenged and the call was reversed to an interception at the Seattle 28-yard line. Again, the Seahawks moved downfield, going 72 yards in 11 plays, Wilson throwing 15 yards to Zach Miller and Seattle led 14-0. A strong defensive stand helped turn things around temporarily for the Cardinals. Seattle had it second-and-1 at its 43 but failed to get the first down on three straight runs.

The Cardinals struggled 26

yards to set up Jay Feely's 49-yard field goal that cut it to 14-3.

After the kickoff, the Seahawks were at their 13 when, on second down, Matt Shaughnessy laid a hit on Wilson and the quarterback fumbled. Campbell recovered at the Seattle 3 and Rashard Mendenhall scored from there to cut it to 14-10.

Steve Hauschka's 51-yard field goal with 5 seconds to go made it 17-10 at half time.

In the third quarter, Feely's 52-yard field goal cut it to 17-13, then Seattle went 80 yards in 10 plays.

On third-and-3 from the

Cardinals 48, Wilson somehow got off a pass when being tackled, making a pass to Miller. Lynch went through the middle 17 yards to the 5 and on third-and-goal from inside the 1-yard line, Wilson threw to Kellen Davis in the back of the end zone for a touchdown to put the Seahawks up 24-13.

After the kickoff, Browner made another interception, returning it 49 yards before stumbling down at the 1. Two plays later, Lynch scored on a 2-yard run and it was 31-13.

Arizona got a late TD on Palmer's 8-yard pass to Jaron Brown. □

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BoSox a win from pennant after beating Tigers

NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT (AP) -- Mike Napoli's drive cleared the wall in center field and landed in the ivy - a spot at Comerica Park usually reserved for Miguel Cabrera's prodigious homers.

In this series, Napoli has been the one hitting key home runs, while Cabrera remains stymied by a tough Boston bullpen.

Napoli opened the scoring with another big long ball, Junichi Tazawa again bested Cabrera in a crucial spot and the Red Sox moved within one win of reaching the World Series by edging the Detroit Tigers 4-3 on Thursday night.

Boston returns to Fenway Park with a 3-2 lead in the AL championship series. The Red Sox can win the American League pennant Saturday, when the Tigers' Max Scherzer faces the Red Sox's Clay Buchholz in Game 6.

"Our guys are well aware of where we are," Boston manager John Farrell said. "But at the same time the beauty of them is to not get ahead of themselves, and that will be the case once that first pitch is thrown on Saturday."

Cabrera was thrown out at the plate in the first inning, halting an early Detroit rally, and he hit into a double play against Tazawa with runners at the corners in the seventh. The Tigers scored a run on the grounder, but it was a trade-off the Red



Boston Red Sox's Mike Napoli scores on a wild pitch by Detroit Tigers' Anibal Sanchez, right, in the third inning during Game 5 of the American League baseball championship series Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, in Detroit.

Sox were willing to make. Napoli opened a three-run second with his homer off Anibal Sanchez. Detroit's starters had allowed only three runs in 27 innings through the first four games of the series. After pitching six no-hit innings in Game 1, Sanchez allowed four - three earned - in six innings Thursday.

"It seemed like he was living on the corners and got us to chase some pitches the first game," Napoli said. "Me personally, I was just trying to get something up in the zone and see pitches like I always do, and I was able to get something up."

Jon Lester allowed two runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. He walked three and struck out three, and the Boston bullpen held on to finish off the fourth game of the series to be decided by one run.

"There's probably a reason I don't have any hair," Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia said. "It's stressful."

Down 4-2 in the seventh, the Tigers put runners on first and third with nobody out when Jose Iglesias and Torii Hunter singled. Cabrera, who struck out with runners at the corners against Tazawa in the eighth inning

of a 1-0 loss in Game 3, hit a soft grounder to second for a double play this time. "We have to go to Fenway and we have to fight hard enough to win a game," Cabrera said. "If we do that, we have to keep fighting and get the next one. We've done this before, and we've got great pitchers. We just have to do our jobs."

Craig Breslow retired slumping Prince Fielder to end the seventh and got the first out of the eighth. Then Koji Uehara retired five straight for the save.

Now Detroit turns to Scherzer, a 21-game winner, to try to extend the season. The Tigers will have Justin Verlander ready to pitch Game 7 if there is one.

Detroit may be without catcher Alex Avila in Boston. He left after the top of the fourth with a strained left knee and is day to day. Boston led in only four of 36 innings in the first four games, but the Red Sox won two of them. They struck early in Game 5 when Napoli's drive easily cleared the 420-foot marker in center and landed in the ivy above two rows of bushes. That was the start of a three-run second inning, and it was Napoli's

second homer of the series. His solo shot accounted for the only run of Game 3.

Boston missed out on another run that inning when Ross was thrown out at home on Shane Victorino's grounder. Ross plowed through Avila at the plate - then gave Avila a pat on the backside after he held onto the ball.

Ross and Avila have both dealt with concussion problems this year, and Avila was later hit in the mask by a foul ball.

In the third, Iglesias gave the Detroit fans something to cheer about with a terrific catch on a shallow flyball by David Ortiz. Iglesias, who plays shortstop but was shifted over to the right of second base, ran all the way out to short left field, finally catching the ball with a quick snatch of his glove hand.

But Napoli followed with a double, went to third on a groundout and scored on a two-out, two-strike wild pitch by Sanchez to make it 4-0. Sanchez allowed nine hits and struck out five. Lester worked in and out of trouble. He was helped in the first inning when Cabrera was thrown out at home for the third out. Cabrera has been slowed by a number of injuries over the last couple months, and when Jhonny Peralta singled to left, it appeared the Tigers would have the bases loaded with two outs and Omar Infante batting. But coach Tom Brookens started waiving Cabrera around third, and when Brookens changed course and put up the stop sign, the Detroit slugger ran through it and was out at home on a play that wasn't close.

"Tommy was waving," Leyland said. "In defense of him, the natural instinct is to wave right away - you don't want to stop him really too quick in case something would happen in the outfield with the ball, the guy would boot it or something. It's hard to get him going again. He just held him too late. With Cabrera right now, you've got to be cautious."

Researchers develop DNA test to nab doping cheats

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Researchers at the University of British Columbia are closing another avenue for cheating in sports — a DNA test that can catch athletes who use blood doping.

The test is touted as being easier, faster and cheaper than current tests to identify athletes who receive a

transfusion with oxygen-infused blood. Cyclist Lance Armstrong is among those to have acknowledged doing so.

The US Anti-Doping Agency currently tests for signs of doping through transfusion by examining proteins in blood.

James Rupert is an associate professor in the School

of Kinesiology at the University of British Columbia. He says the new test allows DNA to be amplified to a high resolution, which can't be done with proteins.

He says the technology enables white cells to be inspected for different populations of genes and reveal if a second person's cells are present. □

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Red Wings beat Avs 4-2 as Roy loses 1st game

The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Johan Franzen scored two goals, including the tiebreaker with 12:50 remaining, and Jonas Gustavsson stopped 38 shots, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-2 win over Colorado on Thursday night and snapping the Avalanche's six-game winning streak under new coach Patrick Roy.

Pavel Datsyuk also had two goals, and Daniel Alfredsson added three assists for the Red Wings, who lost dependable defenseman Niklas Kronwall early when he was carried off the ice on a stretcher after being rammed into the boards by Cody McLeod.

Erik Johnson and Gabriel Landeskog scored for the Avalanche, who finished a win short of matching the franchise record for best start (7-0), set by the 1985-86 Quebec Nordiques.

Datsyuk sealed the win when he scored off his own rebound with 6:25 left.

STARS 4, SHARKS 3, SO

DALLAS (AP) — Cody Eakin tied it at 12:58 of the second period and rookie Alex Chiasson scored the only goal of the shootout as Dallas ended San Jose's perfect start to the season. The Sharks (6-0-1) fell one game shy of tying last season's, team-record 7-0 start.

Dallas also got goals from Tyler Seguin and Trevor Daley. Dan Ellis stopped 32 shots.

Tyler Kennedy, Matthew Nieto and Patrick Marleau scored for San Jose. Antti Niemi made 28 saves.

The Stars outshot San Jose 31-29 in regulation, but the



St. Louis Blues' T.J. Oshie (74) scores against Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (50) during a shootout in an NHL hockey game in Chicago, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013. The Blues won 3-2.

Associated Press

Sharks recorded all five shots in overtime.

PENGUINS 4, FLYERS 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sidney Crosby, Jussi Jokinen and Chris Kunitz scored, leading Pittsburgh past Philadelphia. Evgeni Malkin added an empty-net goal in the final seconds.

The Penguins were the latest team to beat the NHL-worst Flyers. Off to their worst start after eight games, the Flyers are 1-7 and mired in last place with two points.

Jokinen and Kunitz both scored in the second, and Marc-Andre Fleury made it stand with 24 saves.

Wayne Simmonds had the lone goal for the Fly-

ers, who have yet to score more than two in a game this season.

Crosby, who has 29 career goals against the Flyers, has a career-best, seven-game point streak to start the season.

BLUES 3, BLACKHAWKS 2, SO

CHICAGO (AP) — T.J. Oshie scored the lone goal in the shootout, Jaroslav Halak stopped all three Chicago shooters in the tiebreaker, and St. Louis Blues defeated the Blackhawks.

David Backes scored a power-play goal for St. Louis, and Alexander Steen was credited with an even-strength score in the Blues' first road game. □



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a shot during a semifinal match against Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro for the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at the Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. Del Potro won 6-2, 6-4.

Associated Press

Nadal won't play Swiss Indoors next week

The Associated Press

World No. 1 Rafael Nadal says he won't play at the Swiss Indoors in Basel starting on Monday. On Friday, Nadal posted on his Facebook page a message saying: "sorry to announce that I won't travel to Basel in Switzerland but after very

exhausting weeks I have to regroup my fitness and my body." Nadal was sidelined for seven months after hurting his left knee in the summer of 2012. But he came back strong and beat Novak Djokovic to win the U.S. Open in August for his 13th career Grand Slam title. □



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S&P 500 closes week further into record territory

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors shifted their focus from politics to profits on Friday and

forced the government to miss payments on its debt. Congress agreed Wednesday to fund the government and allow it to borrow

soared 158 percent, driven largely by a rebound in earnings, a housing recovery, greater investor confidence and the economic

best weekly gains since mid-July. The Dow gained just 1.07 percent, not quite beating its increase of 1.09 percent the week before.

Christine Short, a senior manager at S&P Capital IQ, said investors are relieved that Washington pulled back from the abyss by extending the U.S. borrowing authority until Feb. 7. But she's not so sure how long the celebratory mood might last. "We just bought ourselves a little more time, and the market seems to like that," she said. "But we're likely to go through the same cycle again in three months."

Another concern is earnings. Despite good reports from a few big companies Friday, the third-quarter reporting season has just started and most companies aren't expected to post blowout results.

Earnings for S&P 500 companies are expected to have grown 3.4 percent from a year earlier, the smallest quarterly increase in a year, according to S&P Capital IQ. At the start of 2013, third-quarter earnings were expected to grow at nearly triple that pace. What's driven stock prices up this year hasn't been earnings as much as investors' willingness to value them more. At the start of the year, stock buyers were paying \$14 for every \$1 of

S&P 500 earnings, according to S&P Capital IQ. Now, they are paying more than \$16. Investors will have a better idea of the U.S. corporate profit picture next week when several big companies report results, including McDonalds on Monday and Boeing and Caterpillar on Wednesday and Ford on Thursday.

Google jumped \$122.61 to \$1,011.41 Friday. It reported a 36 percent jump in earnings after the stock market closed Thursday. An erosion in Google's ad pricing was more than offset by a big increase in the frequency of clicks on Google's ads.

General Electric rose 87 cents, or 3.5 percent, to \$25.55, after topping analysts' expectations for net income, excluding charges for shedding its media and banking operations.

Stock of GE, which makes jet engines and other industrial products, is the highest it's been since the start of the financial crisis in September 2008, when some investors doubted the company could survive intact.

Morgan Stanley rose 76 cents, to \$29.69, a gain of 2.6 percent. The investment bank reported that its earnings nearly doubled on strong results in stock sales and trading, beating analysts' estimates. □



Jonathan Corpina, left, talks with fellow trader Dan Ryan on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Oct. 18, 2013. Stronger economic growth in China and a pickup in U.S. corporate earnings are sending the stock market mostly higher in early trading.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

liked what they saw, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index further into record territory.

Two days after Congress struck a last-minute deal to keep the U.S. from a devastating default on its debt, investors were bidding up stocks on surprisingly good profits from companies in industries both old and new.

General Electric and Morgan Stanley rose after reporting higher earnings than financial analysts had expected. Google surged nearly 14 percent, topping \$1,000 a share for the first time.

"We've moved from the dysfunction of Washington to the reality of the global economy, and it looks pretty good," said Ron Florence, deputy chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank.

Investors were also encouraged by a rebound in Chinese economic growth in the latest quarter.

The rise in stocks follows a budget standoff in Washington that kept hundreds of thousands of federal workers from their jobs for 16 days and could have

through early next year. The S&P 500 set a record for the second straight day. The broad index of 500 companies, up 22 percent this year, added 11.35 points, or 0.7 percent, to a record 1,744.50. The gain this year is the index's best since 2009, when it began its bull run. Since its recession low in March of that year, the S&P 500 has

stimulus program by the Federal Reserve.

The Nasdaq composite was up 51.13 points, or 1.3 percent, at 3,914.28. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 28 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,399.65, and is 277 points below its own record. For the week, the S&P 500 rose 2.4 percent and the Nasdaq composite rose 3.2 percent, the

3-D printer Voxeljet's shares soar in debut

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Voxeljet AG doubled Friday after the 3-D printing company raised \$84.5 million in its initial public offering. Voxeljet's 3-D printers can make anything from vehicle parts to chairs to artwork. Its technology was used to make three Aston Martin model cars used as props in the James Bond film "Skyfall." Voxeljet sells its printers to companies in the automotive, aerospace, film, engineering, medical and consumer products industries.

The German company priced 6.5 million American depositary receipts at \$13 per ADR. The stock is trad-



A 3-D printer produced by Voxeljet AG. Shares of Voxeljet AG doubled Friday after the 3-D printing company raised \$84.5 million in its initial public offering.

(Handout Photo)

ing on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "VJET."

In midday trading, the shares rose \$13.20, or 102

percent, to \$26.20 after trading as high as \$27 earlier. The last year as 3-D printing grows in popularity. Shares of The ExOne Co. have tripled since the company went public in February. Stratasys Ltd.'s shares have jumped 73 percent over the last year. 3D Systems Corp.'s shares have more than doubled from a year ago. The printers force out layer upon layer of plastics, metal or other materials to create 3-D objects with moving parts.

Voxeljet expects to use the money raised to expand its service center in Europe and open new service centers in North America and Asia. The company is based in Friedberg, Germany. □

Google stock crosses \$1,000 mark after earnings

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Strong third-quarter results have sent Google's stock past the \$1,000 mark for the first time. Shortly after the markets opened Friday, Google Inc. shares jumped more than 12 percent to \$1,007.40 in heavy trading before edging back down to \$1,000 later in the morning. The stock had never been higher than \$928 in regular market trading since Google went public at \$85 per share nine years ago.

Late Thursday, Google reported a 36 percent jump in third-quarter net income that beat Wall Street's predictions. The numbers showed that while the company's average ad prices continue to decline, they're being offset by a larger number of people clicking on ads. Over the years, Google has expanded its reach far beyond the powerful search engine that made it famous. It now includes the video sharing site YouTube, along with the Android operating

system that runs on close to 1 billion smartphones and tablets. The company ranks as the No. 1 digital ad company by revenue, leaving rivals such as Yahoo Inc. and Facebook Inc. far behind. Google's stock has climbed steadily in the last five years, more than doubling in value. But the stock slipped slightly in recent months, while the overall market has risen, amid worries about deteriorating ad prices. Google's average ad price has fallen from the prior year in each of

the last eight quarters, primarily because advertisers aren't paying as much for mobile ads because the screens on smartphones and tablet computers are smaller than those on laptop and desktop computers. As more people rely on mobile devices to connect to Google's search engine and other services, the trend is driving down the company's average ad price, or "cost per click." But the number of so-called "paid clicks" on Google's ads helped offset the lower

prices in the third quarter. The clicking volume increased 26 percent from last year, an indication that Google's data analysis is doing a good job matching ads with the interests of its services' users. Friday's stock surge takes Google's market capitalization to about \$333 billion, which still pales in comparison to that of technology industry rival Apple Inc. The iPhone and iPad maker ranks No. 1 in the world with a market capitalization of \$462 billion. □

GE shows improvement despite lower 3Q profit

JONATHAN FAHEY

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — General Electric Co. posted lower overall revenue and profit in the third quarter, but improving sales of complex equipment gave hope to investors that the company's transformation into an industrial powerhouse is succeeding. GE said Friday that net income fell 9 percent to \$3.19 billion and revenue fell 1 percent to \$35.73 billion in the third quarter. In last year's comparable quarter, the company earned \$3.49 billion on revenue of \$36.3 billion. GE's earnings per share dropped to 31 cents, from 33 cents last year.

Still, the company's results exceeded Wall Street expectations on the strength



A General Electric washer is on display at a Home Depot in Pittsburgh. General Electric reported quarterly earnings on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

of 11 percent growth in profit at its industrial divisions — those that make aircraft engines, CT-scanners, gas turbines, locomotives and oil and gas drilling equipment.

Adjusted to remove the effects of restructuring and other charges, the company said it earned 40 cents per share. Analysts had expected GE to earn 35 cents per share, on average, according to FactSet. GE shares rose 3.5 percent, to \$25.53, in afternoon trading to the highest level since September of 2008. Back then, shares were plummeting on concerns that GE would not be able to survive intact during the financial crisis because of its enormous banking division. □

Morgan Stanley third-quarter profit almost doubles

STEVE ROTHWELL

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investment bank Morgan Stanley's third-quarter earnings almost doubled as the firm's stock sales and trading revenue rose.

THE RESULTS: The bank earned \$1.01 billion from July to September after stripping out an accounting charge. That compares with earnings of \$560 million a year earlier. That profit works out to 50 cents per share before the charge,

compared with 28 cents per share in the same period a year earlier. Financial analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of 40 cents. Analysts generally strip out one-time items. Total revenue amounted to \$8.1 billion, up 6.5 percent from \$7.6 billion a year earlier. HOW IT HAPPENED: Stock sales and trading were bright spots for the bank and revenue in that part of its business increased to \$1.7 billion from \$1.3 billion. Investment

revenue also rose after the bank sold an investment in an insurance broker. Profit at the bank's wealth management unit also rose. Morgan Stanley is transforming itself to adapt to a post-financial crisis world, trimming back parts of its investment bank while increasing its focus on individual clients.

"Our results point to the increased consistency, strength and balance we are deriving from our business model," CEO James

Gorman said in a prepared statement. "Overall, our stronger year-over-year revenues and net income reflect the progress we have made."

THE WEAK SPOT: Like other banks that reported earnings this week, fixed income trading plunged. Morgan Stanley said that its fixed income and commodities trading revenues fell to \$835 million from \$1.5 billion from a year earlier. Goldman Sachs and Citigroup also saw their trading rev-

enue in this area drop. The slump was caused by jittery investors who were uncertain about whether and when the Federal Reserve would begin to reduce its bond purchases of \$85 billion a month, said Goldman.

THE MARKET REACTION: Morgan Stanley's stock rose 52 cents, or nearly 2 percent, to \$29.45 by late morning. Its shares have risen 54 percent this year, far more than any other major U.S. bank. □

On late-night TV, hosts go from snide to sweet

JASON ZINOMAN

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In one of the signal moments of the greatest talk show in my lifetime, "Late Night With David Letterman," on NBC, Cher called the host a big jerk.

She used harsher language, but that was the idea. What's often forgotten in that 1986 exchange is how quickly Letterman defused the tension. "You know," he said, without a smidgen of defensiveness, "I think a lot of people feel that way about me."

What host of a nightly talk show would make such a concession now?

Stephen Colbert might, in character. Maybe Chelsea Handler. Letterman, who recently signed a deal to continue as a host through 2015 on CBS, has become less caustic. In a nostalgic mood, he could muster it. But in an era when the most celebrated TV dramas ask viewers to identify with often repellent anti-heroes, the new stars of late night are ingratiating sweeties. We probably shouldn't even call the coming battle between Jimmy Kimmel and Jimmy Fallon, who is taking over "The Tonight Show" in February, a late-night war. How about a pillow fight? Consider the newest players. Arsenio Hall, who is technically more retro than new, butters up guests and gently tells the audience of his syndicated show to relax. The casually self-deprecating W. Kamau Bell, who started producing "Totally Biased" nightly on FXX last month, outsources the harshest comedy to his writers, who make often quite funny cameos. When Sarah Silverman, whom Bell had called racist years ago, came on as a guest, he gave her a shirt that read "Mostly Not Racist" and told her that if he did a roast of anyone, he might cry.

This month, two exceedingly friendly faces will start appearing on your television screens at midnight: Pete Holmes, whose half-hour TBS show has its premiere after "Conan" on Oct. 28, and Chris Hardwick, whose

comedy show, "@midnight," produced by Funny or Die, starts Monday, following "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central. Holmes, a canny stand-up



David Letterman interviews Cher, a favorite sparring partner on CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman." The late-night host recently extended his contract through 2015, meaning he will be on the air well past the Jay Leno era on NBC.

(Jeffrey R. Staab/CBS via The New York Times)

who runs the podcast "You Made It Weird," has said he wants his show to be a "silly safe space." And Hardwick, a comic whose show includes comedians in a competition for funniest take on a topical subject, is so upbeat, amiable and inclusive that he can sometimes sound like a self-help guru.

Talk shows have always been about personality as well as comedy. And these are the kind of approachable-seeming stars who are far more likely to be silly than abrasive, sunny than acerbic. No one tests the limits of endearing charm more than Fallon, now in the last few months as host of "Late Night" before moving to "The Tonight Show." Whereas his "Tonight" predecessor Johnny Carson kept a cool, elegant distance, and Jay Leno delivers a joke-dense monologue with the professionalism of an old-school entertainer, Fallon has a much warmer, off-hand presence. Leaning on the superb "Late Night" band The Roots, he seems like the host of a party as much as of a show. He is not a gifted joke teller, but his willingness to sing, dance, riff or use social media suggests a performer looking to get laughs but happy to settle for smiles. Among celebrities, Fallon

sometimes adopts the persona of a fan. At the MTV Video Music Awards, he bowed in awe before Justin Timberlake. This week, he told Katy Perry he'd be

Part of the reason late-night comedy has become kinder and gentler may be that, in our current culture, there is a steady supply of meanness. Cruelty, you might say, has been outsourced to the Internet, not to mention Comedy Central roasts and weekly shows like "The Jeselnik Offensive" (Comedy Central), which makes a cartoonish joke of the arrogance of its host, Anthony Jeselnik, a precise, skilled stand-up who has described his stint writing for Fallon's show as a bad fit. "He couldn't be the bad guy in the joke," he said in an interview. "He couldn't upset people, really."

It may also be that the slyly sardonic Letterman of the 1980s was an anomaly. Indeed, his style was trickier and harder to accomplish than it appeared. He didn't aim to be the bad guy. Nor was he. He invited you to join him as a fellow outsider, together tossing spitballs at phony show business targets. □

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DNA links mysterious Yeti to ancient polar bear

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British scientist says he may have solved the mystery of the Abominable Snowman — the elusive ape-like creature of the Himalayas. He thinks it's a bear.

DNA analysis conducted by Oxford University genetics professor Bryan Sykes suggests the creature, also known as the Yeti, is the descendant of an ancient polar bear.

Sykes compared DNA from hair samples taken from two Himalayan animals — identified by local people as Yetis — to a database of animal genomes. He found they shared a genetic fingerprint with a polar bear jawbone found in the Norwegian Arctic that is at least 40,000 years old.

Sykes said Thursday that the tests showed the creatures were not related to modern Himalayan bears but were direct descendants of the prehistoric animal.

He said, "it may be a new species, it may be a hybrid" between polar bears and brown bears.

"The next thing is go there and find one."

Sykes put out a call last year for museums, scientists and Yeti aficionados to share hair samples thought to be from the creature.

One of the samples he analyzed came from an



Undated photo made available by Britain's Channel 4 television Thursday Oct. 17 2013 of Oxford University genetics professor Bryan Sykes posing with a prepared DNA sample taken from hair from a Himalayan animal.

Associated Press

alleged Yeti mummy in the Indian region of Ladakh, at the Western edge of the Himalayas, and was taken by a French mountaineer who was shown the corpse 40 years ago.

The other was a single hair found a decade ago in Bhutan, 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) to the east.

Sykes said the fact the hair samples were found so far apart, and so recently, suggests the members of the

species are still alive.

"I can't imagine we managed to get samples from the only two 'snow bears' in the Himalayas," he said. Finding a living creature could explain whether differences in appearance and behavior to other bears account for descriptions of the Yeti as a hairy hominid.

"The polar bear ingredient in their genomes may have changed their behavior so

they act different, look different, maybe walk on two feet more often," he said. Sykes' research has not been published, but he says he has submitted it for peer review. His findings will be broadcast Sunday in a television program on Britain's Channel 4.

Tom Gilbert, professor of paleogenomics at the Natural History Museum of Denmark, said Sykes' research provided a "rea-

sonable explanation" for Yeti sightings.

"It's a lot easier to believe that than if he had found something else," said Gilbert, who was not involved in the study. "If he had said it's some kind of new primate, I'd want to see all the data."

Sykes' findings are unlikely to lay the myth of the Yeti to rest.

The Yeti or Abominable Snowman is one of a number of legendary ape-like beasts — along with Sasquatch and Bigfoot — reputed to live in heavily forested or snowy mountains. Scientists are skeptical, but decades of eyewitness reports, blurry photos and stories have kept the legend alive.

"I do not think the study gives any comfort to Yeti-believers," David Frayer, a professor of biological anthropology at the University of Kansas, said in an email. But "no amount of scientific data will ever shake their belief."

"If (Sykes') motivation for doing the analyses is to refute the Yeti nonsense, then good luck," he said. Sykes said he was simply trying "to inject some science into a rather murky field."

"The Yeti, the Bigfoot, is surrounded in myth and hoaxes," he said. "But you can't invent a DNA sequence from a hair." □

1.8M-year-old skull gives glimpse of our evolution

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Associated Press

DMANISI, Georgia (AP) —

The discovery of a 1.8-million-year-old skull of a human ancestor buried under a medieval Georgian village provides a vivid picture of early evolution and indicates our family tree may have fewer branches than some believe, scientists say. The fossil is the most complete pre-human skull uncovered. With other partial remains previously found at the rural site, it gives researchers the earliest evidence of human ancestors moving out of Africa and spreading north to the

rest of the world, according to a study published Thursday in the journal Science. The skull and other remains offer a glimpse of a population of pre-humans of various sizes living at the same time — something that scientists had not seen before for such an ancient era. This diversity bolsters one of two competing theories about the way our early ancestors evolved, spreading out more like a tree than a bush. Nearly all of the previous pre-human discoveries have been fragmented bones, scattered over time and locations — like a smattering of random tweets of our evolutionary history.

The findings at Dmanisi are more complete, weaving more of a short story. Before the site was found, the movement from Africa was put at about 1 million years ago. When examined with the earlier Georgian finds, the skull "shows that this special immigration out of Africa happened much earlier than we thought and a much more primitive group did it," said study lead author David Lordkipanidze, director of the Georgia National Museum. "This is important to understanding human evolution." For years, some scientists have said humans evolved from only one or

two species, much like a tree branches out from a trunk, while others say the process was more like a bush with several offshoots that went nowhere.

Even bush-favoring scientists say these findings show one single species nearly 2 million years ago at the former Soviet republic site. But they disagree that the same conclusion can be said for bones found elsewhere, such as Africa. However, Lordkipanidze and colleagues point out that the skulls found in Georgia are different sizes but are considered to be the same species. So, they reason, it's likely the various skulls

found in different places and times in Africa may not be different species, but variations in one species.

To see how a species can vary, just look in the mirror, they said. "Danny DeVito, Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal are the same species," Lordkipanidze said. The adult male skull found wasn't from our species, *Homo sapiens*. It was from an ancestral species — in the same genus or class called *Homo* — that led to modern humans. Scientists say the Dmanisi population is likely an early part of our long-lived primary ancestral species, *Homo erectus*. □

Director Bay attacked on 'Transformers' set in HK

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HONG KONG (AP) — Hollywood director Michael Bay was attacked and slightly injured on the set of the fourth installment of the "Transformers" movie series filming in Hong Kong, police said.

A police spokeswoman said two brothers surnamed Mak who own a shop near the movie set approached Bay and demanded 100,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$13,000) on Thursday. When Bay refused to pay, they assaulted him, she said. The brothers also allegedly assaulted three police officers who were called to the set.

The spokeswoman said Bay suffered a minor injury to his face but declined medical treatment. She spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

Mak Chi-shing, 27, and Mak Chi-hang, 28, were arrest-



American film director Michael Bay, center, talks with his film crew during the filming of a scene for their latest movie "Transformers 4: Age of Extinction" in Hong Kong Friday, Oct. 18, 2013.

Associated Press

ed. They appeared in court Friday, each charged with blackmail and assaulting a police officer. No plea was made and they were remanded in custody until

next month.

Paramount Pictures gave a somewhat different account of the incident, which it said occurred on the film's first day of pro-

duction in Hong Kong after months of filming on U.S. locations.

It said in a statement that a man rushed onto the set wielding an air condi-

tioning unit and swung it at Bay's head. It said Bay ducked and wrestled the air conditioning unit away from the man.

Police arrested the man and two companions, and no one on the set was injured, Paramount said.

On his own website, Bay said "drugged up" assailants had been belligerent toward the film crew and one rolled metal carts toward actors on the set while trying to "shake us down." His statement said security personnel subdued one man and that four were arrested for assaulting officers who responded. Non-violent attempts at extortion involving location filming have been an occasional problem in Hollywood over the years, in which residents would intentionally disrupt filming by making noise or other means in an effort to prompt a payoff. □

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'The Lion King' to set new milestone on Broadway

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NEW YORK (AP) — "The Lion King" has more reason to roar — it's on pace to end the week as the first Broadway show to earn \$1 billion.

According to The Broadway League, the show ended last week with a 16-year gross of \$999,267,836, and it regularly pulls in between \$1 million and \$2 million a week over eight performances at the Minskoff Theatre.

The show, featuring the music of Elton John and Tim Rice, including the Academy Award-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," brought the 1994 animated Disney movie to life onstage in 1997. Director and designer Julie Taymor created the memorable costumes, puppetry and scenic design.

"This humbling milestone is a testament to the vision and artistry of Julie Taymor," producer Thomas Schumacher, president of Disney Theatrical Productions, said in a statement. "For nearly 17 years she has been (the) guiding creative force and an inspiration to the show's brilliant cast, musicians and crew. But above all, we thank our loving audiences who continue to be moved and delighted night after night at the Minskoff Theatre and all around the world."

"The Lion King" has been a model of consistency in its march through records. In April 2012, it swiped the title of Broadway's all-time highest-grossing show from "The Phantom of the Opera," despite "Phantom" having almost a full 10 years' head start. The Disney show opened in November 1997, while "Phantom" debuted in January 1988.

Overall, the show has made \$5 billion across 21 global productions including shows in Japan, Australia, South Africa, Singapore



In this Jan. 19, 2012 file photo, the Minskoff Theatre and the marquee for "The Lion King" are seen in New York. Box office revenues show that "The Lion King" has recently swiped the title of Broadway's all-time highest grossing show from "The Phantom of the Opera."

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and Brazil. This summer, Disney announced the show's total touring box-office gross in North America alone had reached \$1 billion.

Part of its longevity is due to the movie tie-in, simple-to-understand story, family friendly themes and the fact that it's a spectacle not dependent on big-name stars — important for attracting tourists whose command of English might be weak. Some 11,215,000 have seen it on Broadway, according to data from The Broadway League. The show is breathing down the neck of "Les Misérables" for the title of fourth longest-running Broadway show, behind only "Chicago," "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera." "Les Misérables" closed in 2003 after 6,680 shows and "The Lion King" will end this week with 6,621. □



Singers Darlene Love and Brian Wilson perform at the "Right To Rock Benefit" at Cipriani Wall Street, on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013 in New York.

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Rock Hall of Famers, kids celebrate Darlene Love

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NEW YORK (AP) — She's a rebel in stilettos and an ever-present smile.

Fellow Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, along with musicians from Franklin L. Williams Middle School in Jersey City, N.J., helped Darlene Love showcase her high-voltage talents Thursday night as she was honored at a rollicking Manhattan benefit.

"I'm really happy and really excited about what's going on in my life right now; it can't get any better than this," Love, who's a jaw-droppingly youthful 72, said in an interview.

Rock Hallers Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers and Elvis Costello launched the Lovefest benefiting Little Kids Rock, which provides musical instruments and lessons for budget-strapped schools. The charity named its annual Big Man of the Year award for E Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemons in 2009, two years before he died.

Seeing the "kids' faces light up and the joy they get out of making music" keeps "your energy level up,"

says Love.

In that environment, "you're either going to be 72 ... or you're going to be a teenager. And I prefer to be a teenager."

The benefit also featured Steven Van Zandt, last year's winner and Love's longtime champion; saxophonist Jake Clemons, the Big Man's nephew; and other members of Bruce Springsteen's musical posse. Paul Shaffer, David Letterman's musical director, took a turn on the keyboard.

Love, who was discovered as a teenager, powered producer Phil Spector's "Wall of Sound." Her résumé "almost defies belief," says her Rock Hall biography.

But "for much of her life she worked in relative anonymity in studios and on stages, backing up others," it says. "... Love is best known for 'He's a Rebel,' a song credited to the Crystals that was ... sung by Love and her vocal group, the Blossoms."

Her roller-coaster life is detailed in a biography, "My Name Is Love," and the movie "20 Feet From Stardom."

During one dry spell, she

worked as a maid. Her employers didn't know those old hits on their radios were recorded by the woman scrubbing their toilets.

She toils in obscurity no more. Love was inducted into the Rock Hall in 2011. On Thursday night, Love and Medley wowed the crowd with "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration" and "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling."

She also rendered a feel-good "Don't Worry Baby" with Wilson.

Van Zandt, guitar in hand, bounced to the beat, smiling broadly and making funny faces, while conducting. His wife, Maureen Van Zandt, a choreographer, got the audience dancing during "River Deep — Mountain High" and "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)."

Clemons accompanied the kids in an energetic "He's a Rebel."

Love still considers herself a stereotype-smashing rebel. "Excuse me, just because I'm 72 doesn't mean I don't have it anymore," Love says of producers who "want to see Miley Cyrus."

She wins them over with commanding vocals. □

The Damage Done



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The government is reopening, and we didn't default on our debt. Happy days are here again, right?

Well, no. For one thing, Congress has only voted in a temporary fix, and we could find ourselves going through it all over again in a few months. You may say that Republicans would be crazy to provoke another confrontation. But they were crazy to provoke this one, so why assume that they've learned their lesson?

Beyond that, however, it's important to recognize that the economic damage from obstruction and extortion didn't start when the GOP shut down the government. On the contrary, it has been an ongoing process, dating back to the Republican takeover of the House in 2010. And the damage is large: Unemployment in America would be far lower than it is if the House majority hadn't done so much to undermine recovery. A useful starting point for assessing the damage done is a widely cited report by the consulting firm Macroeconomic Advisers, which estimated that "crisis-driven" fiscal policy - which has been the norm since 2010 - has subtracted about 1 percent off the U.S. growth rate for the past three years. This implies cumulative economic losses - the value of goods and services America could and should have produced, but didn't - of around \$700 billion. The firm also estimated that unemployment is 1.4 percentage points higher than it would have been in the absence of political confrontation, enough to imply that the unemployment rate right now would be below 6 percent instead of above 7.

You don't have to take these estimates as gospel. In fact, I have doubts about the report's attempt to assess the effects of policy uncertainty, which relies on research that hasn't held up very well under scrutiny.

Yet it would be a mistake to conclude that Macroeconomic Advisers overstated the case. The main driver of their estimates is the sharp fall since 2010 in discretionary spending as a share of GDP - that is, in spending that, unlike spending on programs like Social Security and Medicare, must be approved by Congress each year. Since the biggest problem the U.S. economy faces is still inadequate overall demand, this fall in spending has depressed both growth and employment. □

What's more, the report doesn't take into account the effect of other bad policies that are a more or less direct result of the Republican takeover in 2010. Two big bards stand out: Letting payroll taxes rise, and sharply reducing aid to the unemployed even though there are still three times as many people looking for work as there are job openings. Both actions have reduced the purchasing power of American workers, weakening consumer demand and further reducing growth.

Putting it all together, it's a good guess that those estimates of damage from political hostage-taking underestimate the true harm done. Elections have consequences, and one consequence of Republican victories in the 2010 midterms has been a still-weak economy when we could and should have been well on the way to full recovery. But why have Republican demands so consistently had a depressing effect on the economy?

Part of the answer is that the party remains determined to wage top-down class warfare in an economy where such warfare is particularly destructive. Slashing benefits to the unemployed because you think they have it too easy is cruel even in normal times, but it has the side effect of destroying jobs when the economy is already depressed. Defending tax cuts for the wealthy while happily scrapping tax cuts for ordinary workers means redistributing money from people likely to spend it to people who are likely to sit on it.

We should also acknowledge the power of bad ideas. Back in 2011, triumphant Republicans eagerly adopted the concept, already popular in Europe, of "expansionary austerity" - the notion that cutting spending would actually boost the economy by increasing confidence. Experience since then has thoroughly refuted this concept: Across the advanced world, big spending cuts have been associated with deeper slumps. In fact, the International Monetary Fund eventually issued what amounted to a mea culpa, admitting that it greatly underestimated the harm that spending cuts inflict. As you may have noticed, however, today's Republicans aren't big on revising their views in the face of contrary evidence.

Are all the economy's problems the GOP's fault? Of course not. President Barack Obama didn't take a strong enough stand against spending cuts, and the Federal Reserve could have done more to support growth. But most of the blame for the wrong turn we took on economic policy, nonetheless, rests with the extremists and extortionists controlling the House. Things could have been even worse. This week, we managed to avoid driving off a cliff. But we're still on the road to nowhere. □



If Not Now, When?



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LONDON - It is possible to imagine a scenario more favorable to Israel than the current one, but it is not easy.

Syria is giving up its chemical weapons. In the civil war there, Hezbollah and Iran are bleeding. The Egyptian army has ousted the Muslim Brotherhood, restored a trusted interlocutor for Israel, and embarked on a squeeze of Hamas in Gaza. In Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the prime minister, has over-stretched; the glow is off his aggressive stand for Palestine.

Saudi Arabia is furious with President Barack Obama over his policies toward Egypt, Syria and Iran. It has scant anger left for Israel. Sunni-Shiite enmity, played out in a Syrian conflict that could make the 30-year religious war in Europe seem short, feels more venomous today than the old story of Arabs and Jews. The power and prosperity of Israel have seldom, if ever, looked more sustainable in its 65-year history. Of course, things can change in the Middle East - of late very fast - but if Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, is inclined to take risks from strength, the present looks propitious. As he wrote in an open letter to Israelis in July, "We have built a wonderful

country and turned it into one of the world's most prosperous, advanced and powerful countries."

This is true. Israel is a miracle of innovation and development. Tel Aviv, at once sensual and vibrant, is a boom town. Go there and smile. For almost three months now, Israelis and Palestinians have been negotiating peace in U.S.-brokered talks. They have been doing so in such quiet that the previous sentence may seem startling. Nobody is leaking. Because expectations are low, spoilers are quiescent. There is a feeling nobody opposed to a resolution need lift a finger because the talks will fail all on their own. This is good. Absent discretion, diplomacy dies.

Ample cause exists for skepticism. The Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, insists that not one Israeli soldier will be allowed in Palestine; Netanyahu wants Israeli troops in the Jordan Valley for decades. There are hundreds of thousands of Israeli settlers in the West Bank with no plans to go anywhere. Several members of the Israeli government scoff at the notion of Palestine; Netanyahu has become a liberal Likudnik, of all things. The Palestinian national movement is split, incitement against Israel continues, and the idea of a two-state outcome is losing favor. All this before Jerusalem and the Palestinian right of return are even broached.

Still, with scarcely a murmur, the talks continue. They are almost a third of the way into the allotted nine months. Well before that time is up, the two sides' final positions will have become clear. There will be gaps. That will be the moment for the United States to step forward with its take-it-or-leave-it bridging proposal. That will be the time of the leaders - Netanyahu, Abbas and Obama - and the test of their readiness for risk in the name of a peace that can only

come with painful concessions. Israel is strong today for many reasons. A core one is the resilience and stability of its democratic institutions. There is, however, a risk to this: No democracy can be immune to running an undemocratic system of oppression in territory under its control. To have citizens on one side of an invisible line and disenfranchised subjects without rights on the other side does not work. It is corrosive. A democracy needs borders. It cannot slither into military rule for Palestinians in occupied West Bank areas where state-subsidized-settler Jews have the right to vote as if within Israel. If Israel is to remain a Jewish and democratic state - and it must - something has to give. Netanyahu knows this. Palestinians must also make painful choices. They are weak; Israel is strong - and getting stronger. The world is never going back to 1948.

In Jerusalem's Old City, I was walking this year down from the Damascus Gate. Crowds of Palestinians were pouring out of a Friday service at the Al Aqsa Mosque. A large group of Orthodox Jews was moving in the opposite direction, toward the Western Wall. Into this Muslim-Jewish melee, out of the Via Dolorosa, a cluster of Christians emerged carrying a large cross they tried to navigate through the crowd. It was a scene of despair for anyone convinced that faiths and peoples can be disentangled in the Holy Land. Looked at another way, it was a scene of hope, even mirth.

Netanyahu has recently taken to quoting Hillel: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?" Of course it was Hillel who said: "That which is hateful to yourself, do not do to your fellow. That is the whole Torah, the rest is just commentary."

And Netanyahu's chosen quote, in this time of strength, ends with four words he has omitted: "If not now, when?" □

Food Network: 20 years of changing food culture

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NEW YORK (AP) — Talk about an unlikely recipe for success — a cable network dedicated to... food?

It may not seem even a little preposterous today, but when Food Network launched 20 years ago America was sitting at a very different dinner table. After all, this was before we'd learned to fetishize cupcakes, before Instagram made our every mouthful a shared experience, before vegetables had cult followings.

And yet this backwater network launched, plunking cameras in front of chefs — many of them truly not ready for prime time — and hoping for the best.

The gamble paid off. Two decades on, the Food Network has morphed beyond a television station that teaches us how to cook (more about that in a moment). It has become a lifestyle, a marketing behemoth turning chefs — and home cooks — into household names even, if not especially, with people who never cook.

"It surprised me at first. But I think now, it doesn't surprise me," longtime network star Bobby Flay said Thursday at a party to celebrate the 20-year milestone during the New York Wine and

Food Festival. When the network launched, Americans didn't take food seriously. Less than a decade later, a culinary awakening — fueled in part by the network itself — allowed Food Network to succeed, Flay said. Food Network didn't invent the food celebrity — the fame of James Beard, Julia Child and others predate it by decades — but it codified it into an industry. And it did so with such efficiency, spawning the likes of Flay, Rachael Ray, Tyler Florence and Emeril Lagasse, that other networks were left scrambling.

In many ways, the network was in the right place at the right time. To Giada De Laurentiis, star of "Giada at Home" among other shows, the right time was 9/11 and the nesting instinct it triggered in so many Americans.

"I truly believe my success is because of 9/11. Had it not been for 9/11, I don't know that I would be here," she said. "It made them think twice about what was important in life." Today, of course, food television is a crowded field. Bravo helped redefine the reality segment with "Top Chef" and its various spinoffs. Gordon Ramsay spouts fire on Fox. ABC gave food a golden



Giada De Laurentiis attends the Food Network's 20th birthday party on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, in New York.

(Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP)

hour of daytime chat with "The Chew." Even CNN and Travel Channel have pulled up a chair, snatching up Food Network alum Anthony Bourdain. Still, Food Network — one of many lifestyle brands owned by Scripps Networks Interactive — touts enviable numbers, reaching some 100 million U.S. households, never mind programming in more than 150 countries around the world. It has its own magazine, its own lines of cookware and kitchen gear.

Want Food Network wine or tablecloths? There's a product for that. Of course, that's broad strokes history. There's also plenty in those 20 years the network would rather forget. Paula Deen (conspicuously absent from the party) speaking her mind, anyone? Or not minding her diabetes. And there's Robert Irvine's little resume flub (the "Dinner: Impossible" star was fired for fabricating some of the more fantastic parts of his resume, but later returned with "Restaurant: Impossible"). Meanwhile, lower-tier talent love to grumble about stranglehold contracts that give the network near complete control over budding careers. And then there's the profitability algorithm, which goes something like: less cooking equals more viewers and sizzling ad dollars. It actually took years for the network to get profitable. And many say it did so by turning its back on some of its own fans and stars.

In those early red ink years, the network was known mostly for food television with a how-to attitude aimed at people who cook. But on television, personality trumps talent, entertainment trounces know-how. That spelled the demise of shows with chefs offering teachable

moments at the stove. To Irvine, it was a smart — and necessary — choice. "We've all got choices now. And our choices are very, very different from what they were 10 years ago, 20 years ago," he said. "The television world has become so cutthroat, they've got to continue coming up with better programming." So shows like Sara Moulton's easy-paced "Cooking Live" gave way to frenetic competitions like "Iron Chef," "Chopped" and "Rachael vs. Guy."

The switch from chefs to personalities, from information to entertainment, got ratings and advertisers, but triggered an MTV-style backlash. Just as the music network was ridiculed for letting videos die, Food Network was ribbed for favoring reality TV over real cooking. Bourdain practically launched his post-Food Network career by bashing it — as well as some of its less pedigreed stars. In response, much as MTV launched sister networks to recover its lost ground, Food Network in 2010 created The Cooking Channel, a back-to-basics, edgier sibling.

What about the next 20 years? It's hard to imagine Americans tuning out food-as-entertainment □.



Ted Allen, left, and Guy Fieri attend the Food Network's 20th birthday party on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, in New York.

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